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records. This is the earliest class record available. It was made in 1872 by Rev. Joseph Crickenberger. In the notes taken from the old Conference records, you will find that he says that there are no records, and that the class was kept only on a sheet of paper. Conference records and everything dates from 1872. Perhaps the others had been destroyed for Greenbank was so near the Civil War fortifications. Perhaps few had been kept. Greenbank was on the Huntersville circuit from 1846 to 1852. No records when Greenbank circuit was organized.

NEW SALEM----GREEN BANK METHODIST

As has been previously stated, the people of this community first worshiped at Deer Creek Union Chapel at Arbovale. This church was used by both the Methodists and the Presbyterians. There was a misunderstanding and the Methodists withdrew and built the old log church at Greenbank called New Salem in 1839. The Presbyterians then decided they needed a better church and they built Liberty Church. The Methodists not wishing to be outdone also built a new church. This church was built in 1856 and was also dedicated New Salem but it is never called by that name.

The deed was given in July 1856 by James Wooddell and "ane wooddell his wife, to Isaac Moore, Wm. J. Wooddell, John Conrad, Samuel G. Sutton, John Wooddell, Allen C. Burner, Adam Arbogast, George W. Siple and Oscar Butcher, trustees, in consideration of the sum of \$50. cash, a tract of land in Greenbank in Pocahontas county. That they shall erect thereon a place of worship for the M. E. Church in the U. S. A. On Nov. 29, 1856 the heirs of James Wooddell willed to the same trustees an additional strip of land beginning at the corner of Academy lot, to be used as an addition to the church lot.

This church was built across the road from the old log church.

It was at first used by all Methodists, but after the Civil War the M. E. South members bought out the M. E. members, and it became an M. E. South church.

Glass Roll for Green Bank M. E. Church, South

Name-----	Date admitted
John G. Sutton -----	1832
Eliza J. Sutton -----	1842
Andrew J. Wooddell-----	1849
William Wooddell -----	1849
John S. Wooddell-----	1849
Nancy A. Sheets -----	1847
Samuel G. Sutton	
Margaret Sutton	
James Wooddell	
Jane Wooddell	
James Sutton -----	1867
Wilda Sutton	
Davis E. Sutton -----	1870
Marietta Sutton	
Jane Gillispie	
Wm. T. Sutton	
Martha Wooddell	
Francis Wooddell	
John A. Gillispie	
Lucinda Gillispie	
Sarah Gum	
Elizabeth Nottingham	
Mary Wooddell -----	1855
Jacob Wooddell	
Nancy Wooddell	

Henry Sheets	-----	1872
Araminta Wooddell	-----	1872
Jacob Kerr		
Phoebe Kerr		
Jane Sheets		
James C. Arbogast		
Sallie Arbogast		
Wm. T. Arbogast		
Mary Arbogast		
Louisa Sheets		
Zenilda Nottingham		
Nannah Siple		
Nannie Wooddell	-----	1872
James P. Wooddell		
Mulda Conrad		
John Patterson	-----	1867
E. M. Patterson		
Lewis Pugh		
Mary Hartman		
Martha Gillispie		
ANN Gum		
Mary Slaven		
Elizabeth Gillispie		
Eliza Hughes		
Brown M. Arbogast		
Francis Arbogast		
Rachel Kerr		
Wilson Pugh		
Marietta Pugh		

Hannah McElwee
W. H. Hull
Rachel Hull
Hiram Wooddell
Squire L. Brown
Mary Brown
Annie Doyle
George A. Burner
B. F. Jackson
Jennie Jackson
Sarah Clark
Annie Sheets
Lucy H. Clark----- 1873
George W. Beverage----- "
Charles G. Sutton----- "
Alice Kerr ----- "
Florella Brown ----- "
Estaline Wooddell----- "
Hester Brown ----- "
Elizabeth Hamilton ----- "
Caroline Warwick ----- "
Maggie F. Moore ----- "
Rebecca Conrad ----- "
C. O. Arbogast ----- "
Mary Etta Sutton----- "
Jacob Gillispie ----- "
James P. Wooddell ----- "
Oscar Slaven ----- "

Mary Ann Curry	-----	1873
Annie F. Holland	-----	1873
James Hamilton	-----	"
Sarah Hamilton	-----	"
Emma Curry	-----	1874
George Curry	-----	"
Laura Curry	-----	"
Eldridge Sutton	-----	"
Aretas P. Arbogast	-----	"
James A. Sharp	-----	"
Robert N. Gum	-----	"
Rachel E. Sutton	-----	"
Caroline Sutton	-----	"
Crawford H. Carpenter	-----	"
Sallie Carpenter	-----	"
Richard Fitzgerald	-----	"
Samuel McCalpin	-----	"
Margaret McCalpin	-----	"
Alice Gum	-----	"
Sherman Sutton	-----	"
Peter Warwick	-----	"
Margaret Arbogast	-----	"
Louisa Arbogast	-----	"
Mollie Orndorff	-----	"
Samuel J. Sutton	-----	"
Martha Gillispie	-----	"
Carrie Siple	-----	"
Eliza Wooddell	-----	"
Sarah Sheets	-----	"

Lucinda Alderman	-----	1875
James Meeks	-----	"
Augustus Tracy	-----	"
Maggie Ervin	-----	"
Elijah Painter	-----	"
John Holland	-----	"
Henry Yeager	-----	"
Bertie Yeager	-----	"
Mary Orndorff	-----	"
Squire B. Gillispie	-----	"
Robert Noel	-----	"
Wilson Pugh	-----	"
Charles Gillispie	-----	"
Thomas O. Murry	-----	"
Nellie Patterson	-----	"

Records show that Samuel G. Sutton, Sr. was the Class Leader in the Greenbank church for around 30 years, and that Wm. H. Hull was Supt. for many years. When Samuel Sutton passed away Martin Sutton took his place in the church and was class leader for many years.

At the present time (1940) Greenbank church has 123 members. The Stewards are Clarence A. Sheets, Ward McLaughlin, W. H. Sheets, and W. D. Slavens.

Trustees- C. A. Sheets, E. F. Arbogast, D. C. Taylor, and W. H. Sheets.

S. S. Supt. W. H. Sheets

Teachers- Mrs. W. H. Sheets, F. W. Hedrick, Rachel Wooddell,

Mrs. Fred Connaughton, Mrs. Lydia Aively, and D. C. Taylor,
Miss Ruth Sutton is Sec. and treasurer.

There is a Woman's society of missionary service combined
with that of Wesley Chapel with the minister's wife, Mrs.
Quincy S. Argus, as the President.